MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): "May" may lead to "must". I am only in this connection bringing to the notice of the Director a matter of parochial interest, namely, the interest of Kuttanad which, of course, comprises portions of Tiruvalla, Kartikapalli, Kottayam, Changanachery and a major portion of Ambalapuzha. That is a vast agricultural area and if the learned Director's attention is not directed to that side, the whole scheme will be unworkable from our standpoint. With this observation, I support the grant.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know whether the member will include Shertallai also?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Shertallai taluk has got no *punja* cultivation as in the other taluks.

MR. K. T. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Sir, I agree with the general principle, but at the same time, I have to offer a word of protest. If the Director is really confident of the success which his enterprise will bring in, I do not find the necessity for making any discrimination. It is necessary that the people of all the taluks should get themselves interested in this matter and should make a real gain out of this. In that way, I would request Dr. Kunjan Pillai to start it in all taluks as Mr. Subba Aiyar suggested. I would even suggest that in taluks where the people of the place are willing to render any substantial help in the matter, Dr. Kunjan Pillai must be prepared to encourage the enterprise on the part of the people. With these few words, I support the motion.

DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): In reply to the point raised by Mr. Joseph, I may say, Sir, that I shall be glad to appoint more hands if I get more funds and I hope that when I come to this House for additional funds, the House will sanction the same.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the grant is sanctioned by the House?

The grant was made.

DEMAND XVI—INDUSTRIES.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 600 under Demand XVI—Industries. This amount is meant for opening a hostel for the Government School of Commerce at Alleppey. This School is the only institution of this kind in Travancore and it is resorted to by students from all parts of the State. At Alleppey, private hostel accommodation is very rare and students find it very difficult to get lodgings. They have been complaining to the Headmaster of the want of lodgings at Alleppey. To meet this demand, the Government propose to open a hostel there attached to the school. The sum of Rs. 600 is made up of several items.

	Rs.
Rent	420
Servant	60
Lighting charges ...	60
Conservancy charges ...	12
Sweeping charges ...	12
Miscellaneous	36

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Will the member kindly explain the nature of the work turned out by the school ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : The school gives training in book-keeping, typing, shorthand and so on.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*) : How many students are there in the school ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : At the end of last year, there were 153 students. If more accommodation is given, there will be more students.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : May I know whether there are private schools to meet the demands of the country ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : There are a few private schools but they are not conducted so well as the Government School of Commerce at Alleppey.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of students proposed to be accommodated in the hostel ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : 24 students.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertalla.*) : What the Director says is that out of 153 students there is hostel accommodation for 24 students only ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : If necessary, I will come to the House for a bigger grant for a bigger hostel.

MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Sir, when this school was started, I had a great deal of sceptisism as to its usefulness and its acceptance by the public. But having known the conditions of Alleppey and of this school, in particular, for all these years, I would like to inform those members of the House who are not familiar with this school that it has become an exceedingly popular institution, and that in fact for the large number of unemployed School Final students it has become almost an asylum and the tuition there is really satisfactory and practical. I have myself employed some of those who have been trained there and I find that they are much superior to the untrained persons that we have to employ as clerks in our firms. The House is also probably aware that Alleppey is one of the most insanitary towns. As was once observed by a European gentleman to a former Dewan of Travancore, Sir P. Rajagopalachariar, Alleppey is a disgrace to any civilised country, with regard to its sanitation. Therefore, in view of the large number of students that are flocking to the school—I know they are now put to very great inconvenience—this hostel will be a godsend there.

Mr. Panikkar was asking whether one hostel will be sufficient. It is sufficient on the principle that something is better than nothing. The House would have been staggered and might have refused the grant if the Director had at the outset asked for a larger grant. But when he is able to tell us that the hostel which he has provided on a small scale has been found to be useful and when this House also is satisfied of its usefulness

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[Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai.]

it may then be time for the Director to make a larger demand on the generosity of the House. I have great pleasure in supporting the demand made by the Director.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Sir, I shall certainly not stand in the way of any amount of money being spent for the education of our boys. But a hostel is in the nature of an academic institution. The School of Commerce at Alleppey is more a professional school. I think all sorts of people join that school. The pupils may be partly employed there. I do not think it is equally necessary to provide housing for them. It may be necessary for the Government to provide them the best education and for this purpose they may spend as much as is necessary. But they should not invest so much money there as in a college hostel. There the idea is about the residential life of University. The ideal and the aspiration has ever been to have a teaching university, one college, one examination board, etc. Just to approach that ideal, we are trying to provide this sort of arrangement. But here, in the case of the School of Commerce at Alleppey, the same thing may not be said. I do not want to stand in the way of any amount of money being spent for the sake of students, especially as Mr. Mammen Mappillai said that the place is insanitary and unsatisfactory. I think it is better for the Government to invest some money to give them facilities for finding proper accommodation for the students. In that way, they could help the students, but not in the same luxurious way they have been doing by providing luxurious hostels, etc. In this view, I do not agree with the demand.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I did not hear Mr. A. K. Pillai very well. I think what he said was that some private agency should be induced to open a hostel for the Government School of Commerce.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I did not say so.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : In fact my proposal is not very much more than that. When we ask a private agency to open a hostel, we must guarantee him some of his expenses. Here I propose to do only so much. I propose to take a house on a rent of Rs. 420 per annum and the students will pay room rent.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*) : Is the amount for 12 months or for the rest of the year ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : This is for one year. But since the hostel is to be started in the course of the year, the whole sum will not be required. All that we are providing for is the lighting of common rooms, a servant to look after the building and scavenging. The mess will be looked after by the students themselves. So, the Government are not losing much on this account. I hope the House will sanction the demand.

PRESIDENT : I take it that the House sanctions the grant.

The grant was made.

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